

Appl. No. 10/710,625
Amdt. dated February 9, 2006
Reply to Office Action of January 10, 2006

REMARKS:

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 45-58 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer in response to the restriction requirement received. Claims 1-44 remain pending, with claims 1, 20, 27, and 35 being independent.

Pursuant to the Office Action, applicant hereby elects Species III, as depicted by Figures 1-4, for prosecution on the merits. Applicant is making such election without traverse. Of the now pending claims, claims 1-6, 9-21, 23-29, 31-38, and 40-44 are readable on Species III. Thus, claims 7, 8, 22, 30, and 39 have been withdrawn. Furthermore, claims 1-5, 9-20, 23-28, 31-37, and 40-44 are generic.

Applicant respectfully submits the present application should now be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (800) 445-3460.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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